

Faversham Port Sanitary Authority.

ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1923.

The area of the Port of Faversham includes Faversham, Oare, Conyer, and Milton Creeks, all flowing into the Swale in that order from East to West; it also includes the East Swale and part of the West Swale as far as the commencement of the Port of Queenborough.

The total number of ships arriving in the Port (Faversham End) during the year is 5658, made up as follows:—

	1923	1922
Faversham Creek (London and Home)	600	642
Faversham Creek (Foreign)	10	9
Oare and Conyer	350	200
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	960	851

The cargoes from foreign are from cross-channel ports and comprise timber and granite and patent manures for the Faversham end: the home trade is chiefly barges loaded with bricks, corn and various merchandises; a few colliers for the gas works: a large quantity of manure is brought down for use on the land.

There is also some traffic in iron and other material removed from the Railway Wharf: as well as bones and fat for Queenborough, owing to closing of King's Ferry Bridge.

INSPECTION.—This has been regularly carried on by the Inspector and myself as follows:

Inspector.	Medical Officer.
Faversham	409
Oare & Conyer	218

Barges were ordered to be cleansed after carrying London manure. The water supply and arrangements for its storage have been satisfactory in all cases.

Twelve defects have been found needing action to be taken or sending of written notices: these have been remedied.

One vessel arrived from abroad with the captain dead on board: I visited the ship and examined the body, after which it was landed and the ship was cleansed. There was no suspicion of infection.

No cases of infectious disease were reported on board any vessel in the port. It has not been found necessary to take any action under the Public Health Regulations as to Food Act, 1907.

Included in the area of the Port are the beds of the Faversham Oyster Co. and also other layings of shell fish on either side of the Swale: no case of infectious disease has been suspected of arising from them.

The necessary tables are appended.

CHARLES J. EVERE, M.D.,
M. O. H.
May 1924.



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REPORT OF THE PORT SANITARY INSPECTOR (FAVERSHAM END)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st, 1923.

Your Worship and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report as Port Sanitary Inspector for the Faversham end for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1923.

The number of vessels inspected were:—

	Sailing.	Motor & Steam.
Faversham Creek	368	41
Oare Creek	187	0
Conyer Creek	31	0
Total	586	41

This total of 627 includes 9 from foreign ports. The vessels from foreign ports consisted of 4 British, 2 Danish, 1 French, 1 Dutch and 2 German.

The greater number of the vessels using the port are barges engaged in coast trade, principally from London. The steam vessels were engaged in transporting old rails, etc., from the Railway Company's wharf.

The freights brought in to Faversham consisted of corn, soap, timber, granite, fertilisers and coal; at Oare and Conyer, bricks, manure and breeze.

For some months, owing to King's Ferry Bridge being closed to railway traffic, a considerable quantity of bones and fat were brought to the Railway Co.'s wharf and shipped from there to Queenborough.

The Sheppy Glue Co.'s staff did everything possible to prevent any nuisance, and fortunately the wind was favourable most of the time.

A few minor matters regarding the cleansing of the latrines of the larger vessels have been promptly remedied on verbal request to the master. The barges bringing manure have been cleansed after discharging. Twelve verbal notices were given for this work.

No cases of infectious disease have occurred on any vessel while in port.

In one case the captain of a vessel from a foreign port died at sea, and the body was examined by the Medical Officer of Health before the vessel was brought up the Creek. The cabin was thoroughly disinfected and cleansed after the removal of the body.

The arrangements for water storage on vessels have been satisfactory.

No food stuffs have arrived at the port within the meaning of the Public Health (Regulations as to Food) Act, 1907.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE G. CULMER,

M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,
Sanitary Inspector.

20 West Street,
February, 1924.

FORM A.

Amount of Shipping entering the Port Sanitary District during the Year 1923.

FAVERSHAM END.

Faversham Creek	Number	Tonnage	By the Medical Officer of Health	Inspected By the Inspector of Nuisances	Number reported to be Defective	Number of Orders issued
Foreign { Motor Vessels and Steamers	4	540	3	4	—	—
Sailing ...	6	668	4	5	—	—
Fishing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Foreign ...	10	1208	7	9	—	—
Coastwise { Motor Vessels & Steamers	39	5546	6	37	—	—
Sailing ...	561	23766	17	363	—	—
Fishing ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Coastwise ...	600	29312	23	400	—	—
Oare and Conyer, Sailing ...	350	14000	7	218	12	12
Total Foreign and Coastwise ...	960	44520	37	627	12	12

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FORM B.

Rats destroyed in 1923,
Nil.

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FORM C.

Plague Precautions : Measures against Rats,
Nil.

